MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : A report on the subject has been received from the Director of Public Instruction and is under the consideration of the Government.

Opening of a Vernacular Girls' School near the 2nd mile of the Amaravila-Karakkonam road.

210. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Are the Government aware that there is an urgent public demand for the opening of a Vernacular Girls' School near the 2nd milestone of the Amaravila-Karakkonam road in the Neyyattinkara taluk ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that there is scope for a Girls' School at the locality.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Since the answer is "There is scope for a Girls' School at the locality.",

may I know whether any arrangements have been made by the Government to open a school there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have made no arrangements. The policy of the Government in this matter is not to increase the number of Departmental schools ; but if in particular localities the necessity for schools is proved and if the people of the locality come forward for opening them Government would recognise them and give the necessary help.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether any private agency has applied for sanction to open a school at the locality ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware of any such application.

Confirmation of Ag. Teachers of Vernacular Schools.

211. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the confirmation of acting teachers of Vernacular Schools, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of those in the acting list who have acted between the 1st Chingam 1100 and the 30th Minam 1103 ;

(*b*) the number of places available for confirming those teachers ; and

(*c*) whether they have got a list of those who have acted before 1100, and, if so, their number ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) to (*c*) The work in connection with the confirmation of acting teachers in Vernacular Schools for Boys has not yet been taken in hand. The Director of Public Instruction reports that the information asked for by the member is not available just now and will be available after the special staff takes up that work and finishes it.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Part (*a*) of my question is about the number of those in the acting list who have acted between the 1st Chingam 1100 and the 30th Minam 1103. There is no answer to my question.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) ; Detailed registers are being prepared and when those registers are ready, accurate information can be given.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand that there is no record available at present?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There are records; but the Director says that the department has not till now taken up the question of confirmation of these teachers. A register containing information about the grants, &c. is being prepared and as soon as that register is completed, accurate information could be gathered.

The question of confirmation will be taken up as soon as the question of grants is settled. They are now engaged in the fixation of the salaries of teachers and then they will have to take up the question of grants. Lastly the question of the confirmation of these teachers will be considered.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Chief Inspector has made any recommendations to confirm these teachers?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know if the Chief Inspector has made any recommendations to the Director.

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